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US Food and Drug Administration Dockets Management Branch 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 Rockville, MD 20785

RE: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

Dear FDA,

I am writing regarding my concern over the treatment of 'Downed Animals'. I am very concerned about the use of these animals as food in the marketplace. Humans should not be exposed to the potential, real risk of bacteria and disease that this can cause.

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I also feel that the 'downed animal' situation is a very cruel and unnecessary way to treat living things that are entrusted to us as 'just another commodity'. Many animals have to suffer unnecessary pain due to this practice. Hopefully by not allowing 'downed animals' into the food chain, this will get some of these farmers to enforce better care and handling techniques in the first place.

Thank you for listening.

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